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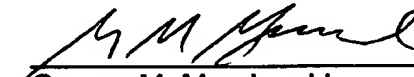
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-18 are currently pending in the Application. Applicant has not amended the claims. Accordingly, claims 1-18 remain pending.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the enclosed amendment prior to examination on the merits.

If the Examiner believes that any issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at (203) 924-3180.

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